



Health Care Committee

Three-Star Program

The health of a community's citizens affects both the local quality of life and the economy. With 15% of the state's adults uninsured and diabetes, heart disease, and lung cancer becoming increasingly common causes of death in Tennessee, the need for preventative services, primary care, and access to quality care for all people becomes crucial.

Responsibilities of Chairperson(s):

- ✓ **Form a Health Care Committee** to monitor the effectiveness and economic status of local health care. The committee **should** work to ensure the presence of a coordinated effort with the local health care facility(s) and/or agencies in the area that are addressing health care needs and services. Regional Health Councils may serve as the committee and members of the committee **must** minimally represent the following: physicians, hospital/clinic administrators, nurse practitioners, emergency medical services, public health officials, and public school officials.
- ✓ This list is not exhaustive. A community **should** consider inviting interested parties not included here to participate.
- ✓ **Public Health Services: The following core health services should be available:**
 - a. Immunizations
 - b. Approved water supply system
 - c. Environmental health protection services
 - d. Communicable disease control and prevention
 - e. Women, Infants, and Children Nutrition Program (WIC)
- ✓ There **should** also be access to:
 - a. In-home services
 - b. Alcohol and drug abuse services
- ✓ **Action Plan:** The committee **shall** evaluate the community's needs and coordinate with the appropriate agencies to address and correct the areas of concern. This plan shall include responsibility assignments and timelines for completion.